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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year ending

October, 1858.





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ANNUAL SESSION  
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for the year 1858  
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Trenton, New Jersey October 19, 1858

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment in the 3rd Presbyterian Church and was opened with a Sermon from 1 Corinthians 9:27- by the Rev. John Hall, D.D., the Moderator.

After public worship the Synod was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Blaauvelt	John Crowell	1st Rahway
Murray	Israel Doty	New Providence
Cory		
English	James T. Hill	Baskingridge
Sheddan		Elizabeth Port
Baldwin	Andrew H. Clark	Westfield
Rankin	E. D. Dow	Plainfield
Reinhardt	Thos. H. Morris	1st Woodbridge
Edgar	Jonathan Woodruff	2nd Rahway
Hunting	Wm. M. Koss	Metuchin
Dr. Myers	James F. Stansbory	New Vernon
Rev. Martin		Ger. Ch. Meyersville
Mott		German Ch. Rahway
E. T. Crane		
J. B. Crane		
Plumley		

Presbytery of Passaic

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Dr. Magie		2nd Elizabethtown
Rev. Williamson		Mt. Freedom
Chester		German Ch. Paterson
Ogden	Wm. C. Wallace	Chatham Village

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The Board of Directors of the  
 Company has resolved to  
 pay a dividend of \$1.00  
 per share on the common  
 stock of the Company for  
 the year ending December  
 31, 1917.

The dividend is payable to  
 the holders of record on  
 December 31, 1917.

Dividend

Statement of Dividend

Name	Shares	Amount
John Doe	100	100.00
Jane Smith	50	50.00
Robert Brown	25	25.00
Mary White	10	10.00
James Black	75	75.00
Elizabeth Green	30	30.00
William Gray	15	15.00
Anna King	20	20.00
Thomas Lee	40	40.00
Patricia Hill	12	12.00
Charles Scott	8	8.00
Elizabeth Adams	6	6.00
John Baker	4	4.00
Mary Clark	3	3.00
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Presbytery of Passaic (cont)

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Harris	Jonathan Parkhurst	Springfield
Kirtland		2nd Morristown
Edward	John Crane	Connecticut Farms
Denton		1st Paterson
Stevenson		1st Morristown
Hornblower	Wm. Rankin, Jr.	3rd Newark
Irving	Saml. White	Mt. Olive
Craven		Flanders
James		Chester
Rosenthal		Lyon's Farms
Hutchings		
Street		

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Van Doren	Saml. S. Brokaw	Boundbrook
Dr. Brown	John Ford	1st New Brunswick
Cogswell	Austin Blackwell	Kingston
Cooley	John F. Hagerman	1st Princeton
Rodgers	I. Smith Hunt	Pennington
Nassau		Cold. Ch. Princeton
Baird		Heightstown
Davidson	Augustus G. Ritchie	1st Trenton
Janeway		Millstone
MacDonald		Middletown Pt.
Rev. H. Hamill		Cedar Creek
Hale		2nd Cranbury
	Nath. Titus	2nd Princeton
Taylor	Stephen J. Brearley	Lawrence
Dr. Maclean	John Wellins	Titusville
McGill	Thos. Curtis	Shrewsbury
Alexander	Derrick G. Perrine	1st Cranbury
Hall	John C. Cabberley	Hamilton Square
Rev. Scribner		Squan Village
White	Pennington F. Randolph	Vill. Ch. Freehold
	John F. Bergen	Dutch Neck
Dr. Green	James Rue	Freehold
Rev. Dod	Gilbert S. Reid	Manalapan
Gosman	Randolph S. Hunt	Ewing
Davis		2nd New Brunswick
Wilson	A. H. Vancleve	2nd Trenton
S. M. Hamill	I. A. Hutchinson	3rd Trenton
Symmes		Jamesburgh
Manning		Red Bank
Avery		Manchester
Chandler and Kehoo		Goshen
McLaren		
Deveara		Tom's River
Harlow		
Sahler		





Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Dr. Hand	Simon F. Wykoff	Belvidere
Lewers	Henry R. Kennedy	Bloomsbury
Tully	William Stewart	Greenwich
Bush	Abner Apgar	Musconetong Valley
Reilly		Hackettstown
S. McNair		Stillwater
Miller		Swartswood
Knighton	Peter Winter	Haromny
Barret		Hardwick
Forseman		Marksborough
Klink	Daniel Hulsizer	Stewartsville
Glen	Isaac V. Lauterman	Blairstown
Meleck	Jesse Wenner	1st Mansfield
Westervelt		Stroudsburch
H. W. Hunt		Middle Smithfield
Wood		Shawnee
	John Burd	Oxford
	Whitfield S. Johnson	Newton
	Wm. McIlhenny	Lower Mt. Bethel
	David Neighbour	German Valley

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Janvier	Dr. Wm. B. Ewing	Greenwich
Dr. Kollock		Blackwoodtown
Rev. Stratton		Cold Spring
Stewart	U. D. Woodruff	1st Bridgeton
Ford	Henry B. Ware	Salem
Baird	Geo. H. Van Gelder	Camden
Shields		Williamstown
Dr. Jones		Fislerville
Rev. Hubbard	Dr. Joseph Fithian	Woodbury
Annen		Deerfield
Allen H. Brown		Cedarville
Williamson	Ebenezer Harris	Pittsgrove

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Cook		Athens
McWilliam		Crawfordsville
Armstrong		Towanda
Foster		Wysox
Dewing		Orwell
	John R. Wells	Wyalusing 2nd





Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Rev. Dorrance		Wilkesbarre
Hickock		Mehoopany Creek
Harden	Saml. Sherrerd	Seranton
Mitchell		Pittston
Osmond		Tunkhannock
Wells		White Haven
Armstrong		Fillmore
Snowden		Kingston
Hodge		Conyngham
White		Hazleton
Colt		Weatherly
Moore		Port Carbon
Callen		Northmoreland
Parke		Plymouth
A. M. Lowrie		Mauch Chunk

Presbytery of Raritan

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Kirkpatrick	Wm. M. Belles	Amwell United 1st
	William Wilson	Lambertville
	A. W. Dunham	Clinton
Dr. McNair	Peter C. Schenck	Amwell 1st
Rev. Carrel	Enoch Laning	Amwell 2nd
Town	Peter I. Clark	Flemington
Janeway		Kingwood
Spayd		Frenchtown
Studdiford	Henry Wynkoop	Solebury
	Jesse Sinclair	Holland
	Richard Williamson	Amwell 6th

Presbytery of Burlington

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Van Rensselaer	Geo. Sinclair	Allentown
Perkins		Bordentown
Rev. Scovel		Plumstead
Curtis		Plattsburgh
Miller	Saml. Burtis	Mt. Holly
Stebbins		Columbus



The roll having been called the Rev. James T. English was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messers Rodgers and Hale were chosen Clerks.

Interesting statements were heard from Dr. Baird in reference to the present State of Religion in Europe.

Resolved, that during the present Sessions of Synod it be the order to meet at 9 a.m. to have a recess at 12:30 p.m.- to meet at 2:30 p.m. to have a recess at 5:30 p.m. and to meet at 7:30 p.m.

Synod had a recess until 7:30 p.m.

At the close of the recess Synod met when the Missionary Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Gosman from John 21:19.

Rev. John Gray, Synod of Philadelphia being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. Messrs. Hunt and Wood of the Presbytery of Newton with Mr. Robt C. Stevens of the church of Pleasant Grove of the same Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. Dewing and Foster of the Presbytery of Luzerne, Rev. Messrs. Annin, Jones, Hubbard and Brown of the Presbytery of West Jersey with Mr. Fithian of the church of Pittsgrove of the same Presbytery and Mr. Parke of the Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning - 9 O'clock  
October 20th

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod were read.

Committees on file (No. 1).

Committee on Religious Exercises reported, etc. file (No. 2).



Resolved, that the names of absentees from last Synod be not called.

Minutes of last year's meeting read.

Narrative on the State of Religion was read by the writer, Rev. N. G. Parke, was recommitted with the addition of Drs. McDonald and Magie.

Rev. Chas. Hodge and Worrel, D.D. of Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. Er. Williamson, West Jersey, Rev. Mr. Cornell, Elizabethtown, Mr. Hope, Church of Pittston, New Brunswick, Theodore Strong, elder from Presbytery of Luzerne, John L. Hendrickson, Bordentown, Burlington, Job Thompson, elder Millstone, New Brunswick appeared, etc.

Rev. Mr. Geissenhainer, Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Morristown 1st Church place of next meeting-unanimous.

Committee according to rule 7th (Moderator, Rev. Mr. Irving and Judge Whitehead.)

Statistical reports read.

Ordered that the Statistical report be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Rev. Augustus Broodhead of Synod of New York and Rev. G. W. Burroughs of Synod of Baltimore- corresponding members.

Committee of Bills and overtures withdraw, etc.

Committee on alteration of marriage law reported-report accepted and adopted.

Rev. Henry S. Coe of Synod of Missouri and Rev. James C. Watson, D.D. of Synod of Philadelphia- corresponding members.

It was made the order of the day for 3 p.m. to hear the Secretaries of our church Boards, etc.

Henry Luzzy, Elder from Waterson, Presbytery of Passaic.







A committee appointed to devise some measures with the view of expecting the business of the Synod to save the time of the Synod, Dr. Davidson, Rev. J. Foster and Nuttman, elder.

Resolution of Dr. Magie in reference to the proposed church comment ry- pending the consideration of which Synod took a recess until one half past 2.

At the close of the recess Synod met and proceeded to business.

Rev. Albert Williams, Synod of Pacific- corresponding member.

Rev. John Maclean, D.D., President of the College of New Jersey and Rev. Dr. Hope made some interesting statements in reference to the present state of that institution. \*

Letter from Rev. J. M. Rogers- reasons for absence from Synod.

Statements from Dr. McGill respecting Theological Seminary.

Mr. Armstead Miller a citizen of Liberia and lately a member of the Alexander High School, (5 years) at Monrovia and now a licentiate of Presbytery of New Castle- address Ashman Institute, commended to the prayers and contributions of our churches.

\*Whereupon it was Resolved, that these institutions be commended to the sympathy, prayers and confidence of churches under our care.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account and make an assessment made the following report which was adopted (report).

Rev. Henry S. Coe, Secretary of the Church Extension committee addressed the Synod. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted (see file No. 3).

Wm. Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions, was heard in behalf of that Board.



Dr. Van Renssalaer, Secretary of the Board of Education was heard in behalf of the Board of Education.

Rev. Dr. Gibson, Professor in the Royal College of Belfast, and the Rev. Mr. McClure, Senior Pastor of the 1st Church of Londonderry, members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, were introduced to the Synod and having been welcomed by the Moderator were invited to sit as corresponding members. Rev. W. L. Perry, Methodist Episcopal Church and Rev. Symon Wright of the Baptist Church- corresponding members.

The consideration of Dr. Magie's resolution respecting a church commentary was resumed- in the course of the discussion of which, a substitute was proposed for a part of the original paper by the Rev. Mr. Miller.

A letter was received from W. F. Phelps, Esq. the Principal of the Normal School inviting the members of the Synod to visit the said School. Whereupon it was Resolved, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Phelps for the invitation extended to them and that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform Mr. Phelps that the Synod accept the invitation if the business before them will admit of it.

Synod had a recess until one half 7 p.m.

At the close of the recess Synod met and attended upon the exercises of the Synodical Prayer Meeting according to the arrangements of the committee. Prof. Gibson and Rev. McClure of the General Assembly of the Church of Ireland taking part by invitation in the services.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday October 21, 1858

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.





Rev. Luther H. Van Doren of the Synod of Kentucky being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Treasurer was directed to pay to the Rev. Mr. Craven the sum of eleven dollars being the amount expended by the committee appointed at the last meeting to make application to the legislation of New Jersey for a change in the Marriage Laws of said State.

It was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to hear the reports of committees to examine the records of the Presbyteries composing the Synod.

Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business that of the paper offered by Dr. Magie together with the substitute proposed by Mr. Miller for a part of said paper. Mr. Miller's amendment was lost. Previous question was moved and carried. The main question was then put whereupon the paper offered by Dr. Magie was adopted by a large majority.

Committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Rev. J. D. Mitchell, Colt, Stansbury, Woodruff, Dr. Janeway, James, Dr. Magie, Cornell, Annin, and Dow. The report was adopted.

It was stated to the Synod that the Rev. W. H. Kirk was yesterday received as a member of the Presbytery of Newton and that Mr. Kirk was present, whereupon Mr. Kirk took his seat as a member of the Synod. Rev. Mr. Walker of the Baptist church- correspondent.

Resolutions of Dr. Van Rensselaer.

Order of the day- Synodical Records- postponed.

The committee on religious exercises for the next meeting of Synod at Morristown recommend that Rev. W. J. Hickock preach the Annual Missionary Sermon and that the Rev. Daniel Stewart D.D. be his alternate.

Dr. Van Rensselaer's resolutions laid on the table.

Synod took a recess until one half past 2.

At the close of the recess Synod met and proceeded to business.





Books of Musquehanna, West Jersey, Passaic, Burlington, Luzerne, and New Brunswick- approved. Books of Raritan and Newton approved with the following exception (file). Book of Elizabethtown approved.

Committee of Bills and overtures presented overture No. 1- being an overture from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown asking the judgment of this Synod as to who are the proper persons to vote for Ruling Elders (overture No. 1).

Presented the following paper which was adopted (on file).

Overture No. 2 Colportage recommended to the attention of the Ministers and Elders of the churches. Overture No. 3 - Disabled Ministers recommended to the Ministers and Elders of the churches. Application from Plymouth Church recommended by the Synod to the churches (see Minute on file).

Narrative adopted.

Synod then took a recess until one half 7.

At the close of the recess Synod met and proceeded to business.

Committee on General Assembly nothing particular-adopted.

Committee appointed to propose a course with a view of expediting business made the following report, etc. Report adopted with amendments (see paper on file).

Janitor's bill paid \$4.00.

Bill of Stationery 81 cents.

Thanks of Synod to inhabitants of Trenton, etc.

Thanks to 3rd Church and 1st church.

Calling of the roll dispersed with.

Adjourned to meet 3rd Tuesday of October 1859 at 3 p.m. in the 1st Church of Morristown.

Concluded with Prayer, Singing and the Benediction.



A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.



1856

No. 1 The committee appointed at the last stated meeting of the Synod to endeavor to secure a revision of the Marriage Laws of New Jersey, reported that soon after the rising of the Synod they caused to be printed and circulated through the State a petition to the Legislature to that effect. A large number of these petitions signed by ministers and other persons of all denominations were duly presented to the Legislature, and members of this committee had frequent consultations with the committees of the two houses, to whom the subject was referred. A bill was passed by the Assembly, authorizing persons who solemnize marriages, to administer an oath to the parties, as to their being of lawful age, but this bill was rejected by the Senate. The committee failed in their effort to have a clause inserted in the bill that was brought before legislature dispensing with the requirement of two reports of every marriage for public record.

The committee seeing no prospect of a more successful prosecution of the matter, respectfully ask to be discharged.

No. 2 The following paper was presented by Dr. Magie, Whereas the subject of preparing a commentary on the Holy Scriptures was brought before the last General Assembly and referred to the next Assembly, this Synod, as an integral part of the Presbyterian Church in these United States, having interests at stake and duties to discharge in connection with a measure so deeply involving the honor and welfare of this branch of Zion, deem it incumbent on them to declare as their full and deliberate conviction, that no such design could be accomplished in the manner proposed which would likely to promote the glory of God, and the unity and prosperity of the church.

No. 3 The committee of Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 1 being an overture from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, asking the judgement of the Synod as to who have a right to vote in the election of Ruling Elders?





The committee recommend that the overture be answered as follows:

Whereas Ruling Elders are appointed to preside over the spiritual interests and discipline of the church,

Resolved. As the judgment of this Synod in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly of 1855, that members of the church, male and female in full communion and they only have a right to vote in their election.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

The committee also reported Overture No. 2 being an overture on the Subject of Colportage by the Board of Publication. The committee recommend that the attention of the ministers and elders of this Synod be called to this subject as one of great moment.

The recommendation was adopted.

The committee also reported Overture No. 3 being an overture in regard to the fund for disabled ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. On this subject they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Sessions of the churches under the care of this Synod to bring before their congregations the cause of disabled ministers, and needy widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and to take up a collection for this object at any time before the 1st of January 1859, and transmit the same to the office of the Treasurer of the General Assembly in Philadelphia.

No. 4 The committee appointed to devise measures with the view of expediting the business of the Synod proposed the following resolution as their report.



Resolved. That in order to expedite the business of the Synod, the following changes be adopted. viz:

1. The Clerks of the Synod shall act as a committee on membership as in the General Assembly, and make out a roll prior to the opening of the body--In order to this they shall attend in or near the church where the Sessions of the Synod are to be held, at least one hour before the time of the opening service.

2. The Moderator shall announce the committee of Bills and Overtures at or before the close of the first day of the Sessions of the Synod to give them the opportunity to prepare business for the second day.

3. The minutes of the preceding year shall not be read at the opening of the sessions of the Synod.

4. When the Statistical reports of the Presbyteries are presented, the changes only, shall be read.

5. Statements from agents, Secretaries, etc., shall be limited to fifteen minutes each.

6. The committee on leave of absence shall consider and judge of absences from the preceding and present meetings of the Synod.



NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION  
1858

The past year has been to the churches within the bounds of this Synod, and to our beloved zion throughout our land a harvest time--the most abundant--with which his labors have been crowned in many years. The seed so carefully sown and watched through past years, has sprung up, and brought forth fruit, some on hundred fold, some sixty and some thirty--and if when the golden sheaves from the plains of Judea had been gathered shouts of Hosanna went up from the congregation of Israel, surely the church of God now should lift up her voice in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the harvest. "He has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

In presenting to the Synod a view of this work of grace among our churches, we will allow the reports from the Presbyteries to speak for themselves--and we only regret that the limits of this paper will not suffer them to speak more at length--They are truly refreshing and encouraging to our hearts. With but few exceptions they tell us what the Lord has done and is still doing for the churches over which we have been placed as overseers--This is the burden of their utterance while other matters, interesting to the Synod are not omitted.

The report from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown is introduced by an expression of devout thanksgiving to God for the degree of spiritual prosperity which has existed within their borders during the past year. All their churches are living in peace, and all save one, are supplied with pastors. The attendance on the preaching of the word is good, and all the churches have their Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, and Catechetical classes. While all the churches have not been equally blessed, all have received accessions to their numbers during the year, and in some instances they have been large.





The Presbytery of Passaic in presenting the narrative of the state of religion in the churches under their care during the past year, have reason to rejoice that the work of the Lord has prospered under their hands. A blessed account comes from almost every quarter, and never before have the pastors of this Presbytery witnessed such evident manifestations of the divine presence. Their hearts have been cheered, and the promise of God has been verified, "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy."

The report from the Presbytery of New Brunswick is thus introduced. "It is with peculiar satisfaction and hearty thanksgiving to God that we are permitted to record what the Lord has done for our Zion during the past year. In the general religious interest that pervades all the land, our churches have largely shared." A deep though quiet interest has pervaded the College of New Jersey at Princeton where the number of students is greater than at any previous period. The students of the Theological Seminary are much stirred up in zeal and animated to active and useful labors, and among those recently admitted, numbering upwards of eighty, there are many who have left other professions to prepare for the blessed work of preaching the gospel. This Presbytery records the death of an aged and beloved member, the venerable Jacob Jones Janeway D. D. who departed this life, on Sabbath, the 27th of June last.

In the Presbytery of West Jersey this gracious work has not been so general, but in their report, they say "we believe we have seldom, if ever been privileged to report to Synod a more favorable spiritual condition." Within the time covered by the report, God has graciously visited a number of the churches within their bounds with the reviving influences of the spirit. The condition of the Presbyterian Academy at Bridgeton is spoken of as gratifying and its prospects as hopeful. During the year, one of the members of this Presbytery the Rev. James M. Edmonds has been called to his reward.

The report from the Presbytery of Newton is particularly cheering. At no time they say within the recollection of any person now a member of this Presbytery has there been so much



to call upon them for all that is within them to rejoice, as in the past few months. The remarkable outpouring of God's spirit on the land in which they have been permitted to share has refused many of their churches and caused the addition to them of multitudes of such as shall be saved in the great day. As the result of this gracious visitation, there is throughout this Presbytery a more ardent zeal in every thing that pertains to the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom. And the same is true of the Presbyteries to which allusion has already been made.

The report from the Presbytery of Raritan is less cheering but encouraging. They allude to the worldliness of many professing christians still persisted in notwithstanding the solemn and signal rebukes which God in his Providence has given so extensively in our land, and to Sabbath breaking and intemperance and other prevailing sins. They say to us however, "We know not that at any previous time the public services of God's house, have been better attended in our congregations, generally." In most of their churches there have been encouraging additions to the number of Christ's professed followers, and in several of them, there are numbers of engineers for the way of life.

The Presbytery of Susquehanna report the absence of any extended and deep work of grace and the prevalence of intemperance and kindred vices within their bounds. But they further report that some of their churches have been graciously visited, and sinners converted to God. The Presbyterial Institute at Towanda has never seemed to be in so flourishing a condition.

A large proportion of the churches under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne have been blessed during the year with a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, as the result of which they have been greatly strengthened and encouraged. No part of our zion has been more copiously watered from the cloud of mercy that has been passing over us. In both the literary institutions under the care of this Presbytery, there has been a pleasant religious interest during the year.





The report from the Presbytery of Burlington is less encouraging--the state of religion within their bounds during the past year does not differ materially from what it has been for two or three years past. In some of the churches there are promising indications. There have been several additions to two or three of them. On the whole they feel that they have great cause of gratitude to the Head of the church for his blessing on their labors.

From this brief view of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, it is apparent that the churches under our care have shared largely in the recent revival. Into the mouths of multitudes to whom we preach the gospel, God has put a new song, even praise to our God, and in regard to the present state of this gracious work, it is gratifying to know that in many of our churches, it is still progressing. The additions to our churches have not been so large for several months past, as they were earlier in the year. This however was to be expected. The harvest in many of the churches has been gathered and the work to which they and their pastors are called is to prepare for another harvest. There are many still to be gathered in on whose hearts the seed has not yet been scattered. We cannot hope to reap perpetually, or to reap where we have not sown. When the husbandman has gathered his harvest he does not sit down and fold his arms as though his work were done. He at once commences to prepare for another harvest. Imitating him, let us go forth bearing precious seed, and in due time we shall reap, if we faint not. Of the ultimate effects of this large ingathering on our churches, we cannot speak with definiteness. It has already created a necessity for increased care and watchfulness on their part, and we have reason to believe that the churches will not be derelict in their duty. While not fully awake to a sense of their duties and responsibilities, they do shew an increased interest in almost every department of their labor. It is manifest in the Sabbath School, and Bible Classes and Academies. It is manifest also in the increased attendance on the services of the Sabbath and at the weekly prayer meetings and in the efficient support given to all the benevolent institutions of the church, for which it becomes us to render unto God most hearty thanks.





PRESBYTERIAL  
STATISTICAL REPORTS  
1858

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 25 Ministers, and have under their care 18 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 13th of January 1858, they dismissed the Rev. Robert S. Finley to join the Presbytery of Samanon--and received the Rev. Joseph H. Myers from the Presbytery of Florida--and that on the same day they installed Mr. Myers pastor of the 1st church of Plainfield--that on the 2nd day of April they dismissed the Rev. Elias N. Schenk to join the Presbytery of St. Louis--that on the 6th of April, they licensed Mr. Albert B. King to preach the gospel--that on the 14th of April, they dismissed the Rev. William Demarest to join the classis of Paramus of the Reformed Dutch Church--that on the 2nd of July they dismissed Mr. Albert B. King, a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York--that on the 17th of September, they dismissed Mr. James F. Brewster, also a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Passaic--that on the 6th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George S. Mott and the 2nd church of Rahway--that on the same day they received Mr. Morris C. Sutphin and Mr. Joseph S. Van Dyke under their care, as a candidate for the gospel ministry--and on the same day they received the Rev. Daniel Vanderveer formerly a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, on examination as a member of the Presbytery. The Presbytery further report that all the churches under their care have contributed to the different Boards of our church, and to the American Bible Society, except that the churches of Lamington, Perth Amboy, 1st Woodbridge and the German Church of Meyersville, have made no collection for church extension--and the churches of West field and 1st Rahway have made no collection for the Board of Publication.

Respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery.  
JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.



2. The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of March, 1858, they dismissed Mr. William C. Westervelt a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Newton--that on the 14th of April, they licensed Messrs. James H. Clark, Charles E. Hedges and Edward W. Condict to preach the gospel--that on the same day they received under their care Messrs. Edwin G. Briant and David Magie as Candidates for the gospel ministry and the Rev. Samuel Mutchings from the Brookfield Association Mass.--that on the 16th of April they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Josiah Markes and the church of Chester--that on the 28th of May, the Rev. James G. Moore Departed this life--that on the 17th of August, Mr. William C. Roberts a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Castle--that on the 5th of October, Mr. Edward W. Condict was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lowes--that on the same day, Mr. James F. Brewster a licentiate was received from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and Mr. Frances E. Butler was taken under the care of the Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel ministry--and that on the 12th of October, Mr. James F. Brewster a licentiate under their care was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry and installed pastor of the church of Chester.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ROBERT STURMUT, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 55 Ministers, and have under their care 31 Churches, 9 Licentiates and 11 Candidates.





The Presbytery further report that on the 24th of October 1857, they dismissed Mr. Henry J. Huntington a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Troy--that on the 2nd of February they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Scribner and the church of Red Bank--and received Mr. Henry A. Harlow, a licentiate from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. H. Carrel and the church of Jamesburgh, and also the pastoral relation between the Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick Jr. and the 3d church of Trenton--and received under their care as a candidate for the ministry--that on the 11th of the same month, they ordained Mr. Henry A. Harlow a licentiate to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the 2nd church of New Brunswick--that on the 24th of February, they dismissed Mr. James W. Larrimore a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Troy--that on the 13th of April, they received under their care Mr. J. Addison Cole to preach the gospel--that on the 14th of April, they licensed Messrs. Robert H. Davis, Nathaniel Mc Conaughy, Philip S. Caggrey and Isaac M. Patterson to preach the gospel--that on the 15th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Mome Rowell to join the Presbytery of New York--and on the 30th of June, they received Mr. Daniel D. Sahler, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York--and on the 20th of July ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church at Red Bank--that on the 27th of June, the venerable Jacob Jones Janway D. D. departed this life--that on the 23rd of September they installed the Rev. Rufus Taylor pastor of the Church at Highstown--that on the 25th of September they organized a church at Tom's River the county seat of Ocean County--that on the 5th of the present month (October) they received Mr. William M. Wells a



licentiate under their care, from the Presbytery of Raritan--that on the same day, they received under their care, as candidates for the ministry, Messrs. John W. Frazee, Peres B. Bonney, Albert T. Waterman, John Lowry and John McMurray, and that on the 6th of October, the name of the church of Goshen was stricken from the Roll of the Presbytery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

A. D. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 25 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, and 1 Licentiate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 22nd of October 1857, they received the Rev. Holloway C. Hunt from the Presbytery of Raritan, and the church of Pleasant Grove of which he was pastor in accordance with the action of the Synod at its meeting at Scranton--that on the 28th of October, they organized a church at Bloomsbury--that on the 1st of December, they installed the Rev. Holloway C. Hunt pastor of the 2nd church of Mansfield, for one half of his time--that on the 7th of April 1858, they received Mr. William E. Westervelt a licentiate under their care from the Presbytery of Passaic--that on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Hugh K. Wilson D. D. and the church of Hackettstown and dismissed Dr. Wilson to join the classis of New Brunswick of the Reformed Dutch Church--that on the 15th of April, they ordained Mr. William E. Westervelt, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Bloomsbury--that on the 25th of May, they received the Rev. Philip W. Melick from the Presbytery of Northumberland, and on the same day installed him pastor of the church of Upper Mount Bethel--that on the 3rd of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry Reeves and the church of Belvidere, and on the same day dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Carlisle--that on the 25th of September, they organized a church in the village of Andover, Sussex Co., N. J.--that on the 5th of October, they received the Rev. F. Reck Harbaugh from the Presbytery of Burlington--that on the 6th of October, they licensed Mr. J. Sandford Smith to preach the gospel.





All which is respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery.  
FREDERIC KILGINTON, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care, 15 Churches, and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of October, 1857, they dissolved the church of Lower German Valley, and transferred its members, to the care of the church of Pleasant Grove--that on the 22nd of October they removed from their roll, the names of the Rev. W. W. Hunt, and the church of Pleasant Grove, the same having been transferred by Synod to the Presbyterian Church of Newton--that on the 2nd of November, they received the Rev. Joseph Rogers from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and installed him pastor of the church of Frenchtown, to serve them one half of his time--and that on the day following they installed him pastor of the church of Kingwood, for the other half of his time--that on the same day they received the Rev. Edwin Town from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and on the 29th of the same month, (November) installed him pastor of the 2nd church of Amwell--that on the 13th of April 1858, they dismissed the Rev. Samuel F. Porter to join the Presbytery of Chicago--that on the 5th of October, they received under their care, Mr. Thomas Hempstead a licentiate from the Presbytery of Red River, and on the same day ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist--and that on the same day they dismissed Mr. William M. Wells, a licentiate under their care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery.  
PETER C. STUDDINORD, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Susquehanna, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 8 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, and 1 Candidate.





The Presbytery further report that on the 28th of January, 1856, they erased the name of the Rev. John Iverson from their roll, he having connected himself with a congregational association--that on the 15th of February, they organized a church in Knoxville, Tioga Co., that on the 17th of March, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Williamson and the church of Athens--and the pastoral relation between the Rev. Darwin Cook and the church of Home--that on the 14th of April, they installed the Rev. Thomas S. Lewing pastor of the church of Wyalusing 2nd--that on the 15th of April they installed the Rev. Darwin Cook pastor of the church of Wyalusing--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. James Williamson to join the Presbytery and the Rev. Samuel P. Colt to join the Presbytery of Luzerne.

Respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery.  
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 23 Churches, 6 Licentiates and 4 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 21st of October, 1857, they ordained Mr. Herman Veith to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist--that on the 28th of April 1856, they received the Rev. Samuel P. Colt from the Presbytery of Susquehanna--dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William L. Moore and the church of Wyoming, and licensed Mr. Henry F. Hickok to preach the gospel--that on the 29th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Herman Veith to join the Presbytery of Hudson--that on the 19th of May, they installed the Rev. John White, pastor of the church of Summit Hill--that on the 21st of July they installed the Rev. Samuel P. Colt pastor of the 2nd church of Pottsville--and on the same day received the Rev. James H. Callen from the Presbytery of Philadelphia--and that on the 21st of September, they received the Rev. William E. Holmes from the Presbytery of Mohawk.

All which is respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery.  
N. G. PARKE, Stated Clerk.



8. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 21 Churches.

The Presbytery further report that on the 25th of March, 1858, the Rev. James M. Edmonds died suddenly, in the 31st year of his age--and in the third year of his ministry--that on the 7th of April, they dismissed the Rev. P. A. Mc Martin to join the Presbytery of Orange--that on the 1st of June, they received under their care, Mr. Edward K. Shields, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Albany, and that on the day following, they ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Pittsgrove, and that on the 6th of October, they dismissed the Rev. J. H. Northrup to join the Presbytery of Hudson.

Respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery.  
ALLEN H. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

9. The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 6 Ministers, and have under their care 9 Churches.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 20th of January 1858, they received the Rev. William B. Curtiss from the Fairfield East Association of Connecticut, and on the same day installed him pastor of the church of Plumstead--that on the 28th of September, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. F. Beck Harbaugh and the church of Burlington--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Harbaugh to join the Presbytery of Newton--and that on the 5th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Richard B. Westbrook to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

All which is respectfully submitted.  
By order of Presbytery  
SAMUEL MILLER, Stated Clerk.

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